

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 were presented for examination and were rejected.

A Rule 1.131 Affidavit is enclosed to swear behind two of the cited references.

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following comments.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-18

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over S.S. Taylor, U.S. Patent 6,888,409 (hereinafter "Taylor") in view of Sivonen et al., U.S. Patent 6,963,247 (hereinafter "Sivonen").

The applicant has provided a Rule 131 Affidavit to swear behind both Taylor and Sivonen, and, therefore, the rejection must be withdrawn.

For this reason, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-18 is overcome.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection of Claim 9

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of Midya et al., U.S. Patent 6,137,358 (hereinafter "Midya") in further view of Sivonen.

Claim 9 is dependent on claim 8, and Midya fails to cure the deficiencies of Taylor and Sivonen with respect to the rejection of claim 8. Furthermore, as already discussed the applicant has provided a Rule 131 Affidavit to swear behind both Taylor and Sivonen, and, therefore, the rejection must be withdrawn.

For these reasons, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 9 is overcome.

Request for Reconsideration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Having responded to each and every ground for objection and rejection in the last Office action, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 and requests that the Examiner allow all of the pending claims and pass the application to issue.

If there are remaining issues, the applicant respectfully requests that Examiner telephone the applicant's agent so that those issues can be resolved as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,
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